Academic Senate Orientation
2021-2022

Christy Porucznik, Senate President
Sonia Salari, Senate President – Elect
Randy Dryer, Past President
Paul Mogren, Senate Parliamentarian
Jane Laird, Senate Administrative Officer
Agenda

(2021 Orientation via Zoom)

• Welcome and introductions (Christy, 5 min)
• History of the Senate (Paul, 10 min)
• Broad Overview of the Senate (Christy, 10 min)
• Senate Committees (Christy, 10 min)
• Process of the Senate + Q&A (Christy, 15 min)
• Mtg. Procedures for AY 20-21 (Christy, 5 min)
• Welcome and introductions (Senate President)
History of the Senate (Former Presidents/Parliamentarian/Policy Liaison.)

• When Rights Clash: Origins of the University of Utah Academic Senate. 2014
  – Allyson Mower & Paul Mogren (Mrt-Library)
  – how the U came to have an Academic Senate
  – guide to U of U’s modern shared governance system.
  – https://whenrightsclash.lib.utah.edu/
History of Senate

• When Rights Clash:
• 100 Years Event 1914 -2014.
History of UU & Senate

• “University of State of Deseret” (1849-1892)
  – Deseret General Assembly ordinance 1849
  – Chancellor, 12 “Regents” approved by DG-Assembly
  – “Board of Regents/ Regency” powers as “Trustees”:
    • employ “professors & teachers”
    • make bylaws
    • approve transactions—stock library
    • establish branches throughout State of Deseret (higher & public ed) ??
  • next= 1849 Ordinance, first Annual Catalogue 1868-69
AN ORDINANCE incorporating the University of the State of Des-eret.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the General Assembly of the State of Deseret: That a University is hereby instituted and incorporated, located at Great Salt Lake City, by the name and title of the University of the State of Deseret.

Sec. 2. The powers of the University shall be vested in a Chancellor and twelve Regents; the number of which Regents may be increased when necessary, who shall be chosen by the joint vote of both Houses of the General Assembly, and shall hold their office for the term of four years; and until their successors are qualified.

Sec. 3. The Chancellor shall be the chief executive officer of the University, and chairman of the Board of Regents.

Sec. 4. The Chancellor and Board of Regents are a body corporate, to sue and be sued; to act as Trustees of the University, to transact, or cause to be transacted, all business needful to the prosperity of the University in advancing all useful and fine arts and sciences; to select and procure lands; erect and purchase buildings; solicit donations; send agents abroad; receive subscriptions; purchase books, maps, charts, and all apparatus necessary for the most liberal endowment of any library, and scientific institution; employ professors and teachers; make by-laws, establish branches of the University throughout the State; and do all other things that fathers and guardians of the Institution ought to do.

Sec. 5. The Chancellor and Regents may appoint a Secretary, and define his duties.
FIRST ANNUAL CATALOGUE
OF THE
Officers and Students
IN THE
UNIVERSITY OF DESERET.
FOR THE
ACADEMICAL YEAR 1868-9.

PRINTED AT THE
UNIVERSITY NEWS OFFICE, SALT LAKE CITY.
1869.
History of UU & Senate

Fac-Governance Timeline (U-Deseret & early UU)

• 1850: first faculty hired by & “at will” of Regency
• 1885: Pres organizes Faculty to help govern
• 1890: Regency allows Pres to “select & recommend” faculty. Faculty draft bylaws.
• 1892 rename– “U of Utah” (in Utah Territory)
• 1893: Faculty ranks, & right to petition on firings
• 1907: Regency bans outside faculty employment
• 1910: Pres bans Profs from political office
• 1913: Faculty petition to establish tenure

Next --- !! firings & resignations >> national news-- AAUP !!
History of UU & Senate
Fac-Governance Timeline (early UU)

• 1915: Pres fires 4 profs, 14 resign in protest.

• National news!! New AAUP’s 1915 Inquiry

Aftermath:

– Regents create Faculty Relations Committee; Faculty create Administrative Council (precursor to Faculty Senate) & first Appointments Committee


– Faculty add student ASUU rep ex officio Administrative Council

Next --- AAUP Report 1915, Faculty Relations Committee Roster
spoke in a depreciatory way about the University before his classes, and that he has also spoken in a very uncomplimentary way about the administration.

The four following acts are therefore regarded by President Kingsbury as among the proper grounds for public charges, followed by dismissal: (a) "speaking in a very uncomplimentary way about the administration;" (b) "speaking very disrespectfully of the Chairman of the Board of Regents;" (c) "speaking in a depreciatory way of the University before classes;" (d) "working against the administration." The last mentioned charge appears to the Committee to be of a greater significance than the first three, and is dealt with separately below, under the head of "Truth of Principal Charge." With regard to the other three charges, the Committee has attempted to ascertain more precisely the nature and occasions of the expressions used by Messrs. Wise and Knowlton, which are set down by the President as reasons for dismissing these professors. (a) President Kingsbury was asked to inform the Committee as to the nature of Mr. Wise's uncomplimentary references to the University administration, and to state whether these references were made in private conversation or on a public occasion. Dr. Kingsbury replies that the expressions complained of were "statements as to the unfitness of the President for his position;" and that "it is not claimed that the uncomplimentary references were made in public, but they were made freely and without reserve." Mr. Wise, however, states that he never categorically declared Dr. Kingsbury to be unfit for his position, though he has in private talk made criticisms of the President and of several of his official acts and policies. "In departmental matters," Mr. Wise writes, "I have frequently differed from Dr. Kingsbury. I have opposed the policy which regulated the number of teachers by the plans of the President of the University and not by the number of students to be helped. Another 'policy' I have fought is that of keeping Germanics and Romance in one depart-
BOARD OF REGENTS.

WILLIAM W. RITER, Salt Lake City, term expires 1919.
WALDEMAR VAN COTT, Salt Lake City, term expires 1919.
ANTHON H. LUND, Salt Lake City, term expires 1919.
JOSEPH T. KINGSBURY, Salt Lake City, member ex officio.
RICHARD W. YOUNG, Salt Lake City, term expires 1917.
WILLIAM N. WILLIAMS, Salt Lake City, term expires 1917.
MRS. BELLE ANDERSON GEMMELL, Salt Lake City, term expires 1919.
WILLIAM W. ARMSTRONG, Salt Lake City, term expires 1919.
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HENRY H. ROLAPP, Salt Lake City, term expires 1919.
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ERNEST BAMBERGER, Salt Lake City, term expires 1917.
NATHAN T. PORTER, Centerville, term expires 1917.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

Chairman,
WILLIAM W. RITER.
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DAVID R. ALLEN.
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EDGAR S. HILLS.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

Executive Committee:
RICHARD W. YOUNG, Chairman.
WALDEMAR VAN COTT
WILLIAM N. WILLIAMS

Faculty Relations Committee:
WALDEMAR VAN COTT, Chairman.
RICHARD W. YOUNG
WILLIAM N. WILLIAMS
History of UU & Senate

Fac-Governance Timeline (post-WWII U of U)

• 1947: Faculty Council replaces Administrative Council
• 1968: Faculty Council voting rights of Research faculty, & students
• 1987: Academic Senate replaces U- Senate. Chair= Provost/VP-AA.
• 1990-1994: Senate leader changes from Provost/VP, to appointed & then elected faculty member, Chair re-titled to “Senate President”.
• 2014-2016: Career-line faculty voting members Senate & Committees, & Presidency (joining Tenure-line, including Library Faculty). Staff & Academic Advisor reps as ex officio.

Next --- Overview--Modern Senate, Committees, Process
Next:

• Broad Overview of the Senate, in system of Shared Governance
• Senate Committees
• Process of the Senate + Q&A
“Shared Governance”
Faculty Rights & Responsibilities in University Governance

• authority to legislate on matters of educational policy

• right to participate in decisions relating to the general academic operations of the university including budget decisions and administrative appointments

• right to a meaningful role in the governance of the University. Policy 6-001
“Academic Governance”
Policy 6-001

“academic decision-making structures” (parallel roles of faculty & student bodies, & admin officers)

• Dept. “academic unit” Faculty & Committees (p=dept. chair)

• College Council & Committees/ elected faculty & student Senators (p=college dean)

• University-wide committees  (administrator ex officio)

• Undergraduate & Graduate Councils (CAD-Council of Academic Deans)

• Academic Senate, SEC & Officers  (U Pres, VPs & AVPs)

<< UU Trustees, UCFSL, USHE Bd of Regents Higher Ed>>
Academic Senate & Senate Committees -- Policy 6-002

Senate Composition:

- **Voting Members** (elected by constituents):
  - 104 **faculty**: 19 Career-line, & 85 Tenure-line proportionally representing & elected by respective colleges/areas.
  - 20 **students**, one per college/area, ASUU Pres & VP
  - 2 **deans** elected by academic deans

- **Senate Officers**
  - President, Pres-Elect, Past-Pres (elected)
  - Parliamentarian, Policy Liaison (appointed)
  - Senate Secretary (staff)
Senate Composition:

- **Ex officio positions** (non-voting, but right to attend, motion & discuss)
  - University President
  - Senior VPs: Academic Affairs, Health Sciences
  - Academic Deans (except 2 elected voting deans)
  - [new 2018] Academic Advisor representative
  - [new 2018] Staff Employee representative
Senate Responsibilities Policy 6-001

• “Act for the UU faculty in all **matters of educational policy**, including requirements for admissions, degrees, diplomas, certificates, & curricular matters involving relations between colleges or departments.”

• “**receive & consider reports** from all faculty committees, councils, departments, divisions, administrative officers, schools, colleges, faculties & libraries…. & **take appropriate action** thereon within the scope of this authority.”
Senate Responsibilities, cont.

• consider matters of professional interest & faculty welfare & make recommendations to U-President and other admin officers

• propose to Board of Trustees amendments or additions to University Regulations

• receive notice of proposed faculty appointments & promotions, & resignations (object & investigate?)

• advice on any matter referred by U-President
Senate Committees: Standing & Special (i.e., ad hoc) -- Policy 6-002

Standing (Faculty members nominated by SPEC or SEC, elected annually by Senate. Any students= from ASUU. Any staff= from UUSC. Admin ex officios).

1. Sen. Executive Committee (Chair= Sen-Pres)

Others. (Chairs appointed by Sen. Pres. then ratified by SEC & the committee.)

2. Sen. Personnel and Elections Committee

3. Sen. Committee on Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights

4. Sen. Consolidated Hearing Committee (hearing panels)
Senate Committees Policy 6-002

Standing, cont.


– 7. Sen. Advisory Cmte Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

– 8. Sen. Advisory Cmte Information Technology

– 9. Sen. Advisory Cmte Student Course Feedback

– 10. Sen. Faculty Review Standards Cmte
Senate Committees Policy 6-002

“Special” Committees (i.e., ad hoc)

- Temporary, limited specific purpose.
  - Senate initially authorizes.
  - Sen Exec Committee approves membership, leadership, & ‘charge’.
  - Periodic & final report to SEC and ultimately to Senate (often with specific proposal)

- Some recent examples ....
Senate Committees Policy 6-002

“Special” Committees (i.e., ad hoc)

- Recent e.g.:
  - Career-Line Faculty #1 (2011-2014) (CL representation in Senate, Senate Committees, Dept & College Councils & Committees)
  - Divesting UU Endowment Funds #1 (2014-2016)
  - Faculty Review of Administration (2015-2017)
  - Campus Tobacco Use (2017-2018)
  - Career-Line Faculty #2 (fall 2018) (CL eligibility for Senate Presidency)
  - Divestment & Reinvestment Investigation #2 (Spring 2020-2021)
Senate Committees Policy 6-002

“Special” Committees (i.e., ad hoc)

- Recent e.g.:
  - Centers, Institutes, and Bureaus #2 (2017 to ___)
  - Student Role in RPT (2019-2020)
  - Graduate Student Role in UU Governance (GS “Assembly” (authorized 2019. No action yet reported)
  - Career-Line Faculty #3—parental leave benefit (2019 to ___)
  - COVID-19 Special Committee (urgent actions on behalf of SEC or Senate during pandemic (2020 summer to ??))
Senate Committees  Policy 6-002

“Special” Committees (i.e., ad hoc)

• Other e.g.:
  – Honorary Degrees (2016)
  – Campus Sexual Assault (2015-2016)
  – Safety of Minors (2015)
Senate Executive Committee

• Does
  – Review documents and listen to presentations on all proposals & reports
  – Assure compliance & readiness for Senate
  – Recommend corrections & improvements, & alert about likely areas of Senate concern
  – Place items on Senate agenda—either “Consent,” “Debate” or “Information & Recommendations”

• Does Not
  – Final Approval of most proposals (except summer).
  [but--temporary COVID roles, SEC & COVID committee]
Example of Work Flow/approvals process – *E.g.*, New Degree.
Senate Agenda Items

“Debate Calendar” = academically significant

• Are in very late stages
  – typically next go directly to U-Pres & Bd of Trustees
  – vetted by many different committees & administrators before Senate
  – vetted by Executive Committee

• Most are very good
  – Some are, and should, be expedited
  – Some controversial/ inaccurate/ have unintended consequences

• Which are which?
  – Executive Committee report, Executive Committee Senators
  – Read agenda packets, talk to colleagues, step up
Senate Agenda Items

“Consent Calendar” = routine matters

- Routine or non-controversial matters that require a vote
- Executive Committee determines placement on this calendar
- Single Senator may request an item be moved to debate calendar
- 2020 COVID-19 special procedures = SEC assigning more items to Consent instead of Debate, for meeting efficiency.
Senate Agenda Items

“Information and Recommendations” Calendar

- Presented for information of Senate members and their constituencies (faculty, students, deans)
- No vote of approval required.
- “Recommendations” are invited and taken seriously.
- Some topics are directed, by Policy, to go to Debate/Consent or Information Calendar. For others, Sen Executive Committee makes that determination.
- University Regulations items—Sen Exec Committee chooses.
Virtual Mtg. Procedures

1. More liberal use of consent calendar
2. Handle routine informational items by written submission
3. Require presenters to submit one-page summary of proposal; minimal oral presentation; respond to questions (encourage pre-meeting contacts via Jane)
4. Senate officers will operate slide sharing
5. 30 minutes to discuss major policy Q’s.
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More Virtual meeting special procedures:

– Zoom meet procedures
  • “Reverse voting”, Mute unless speaking, Raised hand, Chat box, Recorded for minutes.

• Other how-to: Absences & Substitutes.
  BoardDocs site. “Senate Summary” @theU
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• More information:
  – Jane Laird @ Senate Office
    • https://academic-senate.utah.edu/contact-information/
  – Current Senate Officers
    • https://academic-senate.utah.edu/executive-committee-membership/
  – Senate Website
    • https://academic-senate.utah.edu/
  – Board Docs site – agenda materials
    https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/uutah/Board.nsf/Public#